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1974IA

ENGLAND GOING

"Fall 1905" 1975ET

Following "Spring 1905" moves Russia retreated F Nwy-Nrg.

ENGLAND (Harrah): F Ska-Swe, F Bar-St.P (n.c.); F Nwy S F Bar-St.P (n.c.).

FRANCE (Parks): F Eng-Ion; F Mid-NAt; F Bre-Eng; F Lyc-Tyr; A Gal-Vie; A Tyr S A Gal-Vie; A Sil-Gal; A Kie-Ber; A Ruh-Mun; A Hol-Kie.

ITALY (McKeon): A Tri-Bud; A Ven-Tri; A Ion holds; F Adr & F Nap, S F Ion.

RUSSIA (Kissner): F Nrg-Edi; F St.P (n.c.) holds; F Den-Swe; A Mos S F St.P (n.c.); A War S TURKISH A Ukr-Gal; A Vie S A Bud; A Bud S A Vie.

TURKEY (Malay): F Eas-Ion; F Aeg & F Gre S F Eas-Ion; A Ukr-Gal; A Ser-Tri; A Rum S A Ukr-Gal; F Sev holds.

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia retreats A Vie-Boh. (The Russian player may instead remove this unit, and make a build in "Winter 1905".) The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Liv, Nwy. (2)

FRANCE: Bel, Ber, Bre, Hol, Kie, Ion, Mar, Mun, Par, Por, Spa, Vie. (12)

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tri, Tun, Ven. (5)

RUSSIA: Bud, Den, Edi, Mos, St.P, Swe, War. (7)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy. (8)

France may build two new units, and Turkey may build one. England must remove one unit. The deadline for these "Winter 1905" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER 1975.

It is rumored that a postal strike will shortly begin in Canada. If this happens, the US Postal Service will put an embargo on mail to Canada. Since there is a Canadian player in this game,

FRANCE GONE

"Fall 1902"

Following "Spring 1902" moves Russia retreated A Gal-War and removed the dislodged F Swe.

ENGLAND (Penn): F Swe-Nwy; F Mid-Per; F NAT-Midi; A Bre-Gas; F Eng-Bre.

FRANCE (Egan): F Gas-Mid; A Pic-Bel; A Bel-Hol.

GERMANY (Squires): A Par S ENGLISH A Bre-Gas; A Rub-Bel; A Hol S A Ruh-Bel; F Den holds.

ITALY (Lerman): F Wes-Spa (s.c.); A Mar S F Wes-Spa (s.c.); A Ven-Pie; F Ion-Tun; F Tyr-Wes.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Rittel): A Gal-Ukr; A Vie-Tyr; A Bud-Tri; A Ser-Bul; F Gre-Ion.

RUSSIA (Hirson): A Mos-Liv; F Sev-Rum; A Ukr S F Sev-Rum; A War S A Ukr.

TURKEY (Remmeli): A Arm-Sev; A Rum & F Bla S A Arm-Ssv; ? Con-Aeg.

Underlined moves are not possible. The French A Gas and the Russian F Sev are dislodged and annihilated, and France retreats A Bel-Bur. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bre, Edi, Liv, Ion, Nwy, Por. (6)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun, Par. (7)

ITALY: Mar, Nap, Rom, Spa, Tun, Ven. (6)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Gre, Ser, Tri, Vie. (6)

RUSSIA: Mos, St.P, Swe, War. (4)

TURKEY: Ank, Con, Rum, Sev, Smy. (5)

Germany may build three new units, and England, Turkey, Austria-Hungary, Italy, and Russia may each build one. The two French units are removed, and France is out of the game. The deadline for these "Winter 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER 1975.

1975Q

"Spring 1905"

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ENGLISH EIDER-DUCKS*

ENGLAND (Laves): A St.P-Mos; F Bar-St.P(n.c.); A Kie-Mun; A Lon-Kie; F Nth & F Hel
C A Lon-Kie; F Hol-Bel; F Nwy-Nrg; F Den-Bal; F Swe S F Den-Bal.

FRANCE (Johnson): F Wes-Tyr; F Tun S F Wes-Tyr; A Mar-Pie; A Par-Bur; A Bre-Gas.

GERMANY (Gillespie): A Pru-Ber; F Bal-Kie.

ITALY (Westergaard): F Tyr-Ion; F Ion-Adr; A Pie-Tyr; A Ven-S A Pie-Tyr.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Haas): A Ukr-Sev; A Rum S A Ukr-Sev; A Bud-Gal; A Tyr S ENGLISH
A Kie-Mun; A Vie-Tri; F Tri-Adr; A Con holds; F Bul(s.c.) S A Con.

RUSSIA (Harsney): F Sev-Rum; A Mos-Ukr; A War S A Mos-Ukr.

TURKEY (Heuer): F Bla-Con; A Ank S F Bla-Con.

Underlined moves are not possible. The following retreats are necessary:
GERMANY: F Bal-Bot, -Liv, or -Pru. AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Tyr-Boh.

ITALY: F Tyr-Lyo, -Tus, -Rom, or -Nap. RUSSIA: F Sev-Arm.

These players should send in their retreats BY IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL. They have the option of removing the dislodged unit rather than retreating it. All players will be informed of the direction of these retreats. The deadline for "Fall 1905" moves, which may be made conditional on the directions of these retreats, is NOON, SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER 1975. Since this game has a Canadian player, the observations on the possible Canadian postal strike (see 1974IA, p. 1) are appropriate.

1974IA (continued from p. 1)

all deadlines will be postponed until the fourth Saturday after the end of the embargo. This will happen in the event of a Canadian postal strike even if the new deadline date is not a regular GRAUSTARK publishing date.

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1975ET (continued from p. 1)

BER 1975.

As of 1 November, Jeff Remmelle has a new address: 225 Avenida Princesa, San Clemente, Calif. 92672. Pat Egan's ZIP code is "80310"; the rest of his address was given correctly in #334.

1974HQ

"Winter 1905"

RUSSIA REVENANT!

Following "Fall 1905" moves, Austria-Hungary retreated A Gal-Vie.

ENGLAND (Scanlan): Removes F Mid, . . . ITALY (Drakert): Builds A Ven.

F Nat. AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (McKeon): Builds A Bud.

GERMANY (McCallum): No builds received. RUSSIA (Squires): Builds A Sev.

The deadline for "Spring 1906" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER 1975. Eric Verheiden, whose address appears on p. 5, should send in stand-by "Spring 1906" moves for Germany.

(When Will McCullum misses his moves whom can you trust?)

* - Down from the Arctic, you know.

1975CQ

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"Fall 1903"

ALL'S CONFUSED ON THE WESTERN FRONT

Following "Spring 1903" moves, Germany retreated A War-Liv and France retreated A Bur-Mar. (1001) (sic)

ENGLAND (Ripper): F Mid-Bre; F Eng S F Mid-Brs; F Iri-Mid; A Bel-Pic; F Nrg-NAt; F St.P(n.c.) holds; F Fin S F St.P(n.c.).

FRANCE (Haas): A Pic-Ruh((sic)); A Mar-Bur; A Par S A Mar-Bur; F Wes holds; F Spa (s.c.)-Por.

GERMANY (Wienczek): A Liv-Mos; A Gal-War; A Pru S A Gal-War; F Den-Swe; A Bur-Par; A Mun S A Bur((sic)).

ITALY (Kramer): A Ven & A Vie S A Tri; F Ion-Alb; A Tri S F Ion-Alb; F Tun holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Lipton): A Bud holds.

RUSSIA (Hendry): A Boh-Sil; A War S A Boh-Sil; A Mos S A War; F Bot-Bal.

TURKEY (Bowman): A Alb holds; A Ser-Rum; F Aeg-Ion; F Gre & F Eas S F Aeg-Ion; F Con-Aeg.

Underlined moves are not possible. The ordered German move "A Mun S A Bur" is impossible under Rule IX, Paragraph 6. Turkey retreats A Alb-Ser and Russia retreats A War-Ukr. The German A Bur must be retreated to either Ruhr or Gascony; the direction of this retreat should be sent in at once. The owner of a dislodged unit may remove it rather than retreat it; such a decision should be sent in at once. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Bre, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, St.P. (7) ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tri, Tun, Ven, Vie. (6)

FRANCE: Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (4)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud. (1)

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun, Swe, War. (7)

RUSSIA: Mos, Ssv. (2)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Rum, Ser, Smy. (7)

Italy, Germany, and Turkey may each build one unit. France must remove one, and Russia must remove two. (A player who chooses to remove a dislodged unit would have one more build or one fewer removal.) The deadline for these "Winter 1903" moves, which may be made conditional upon the directions of the retreats, is NOON, SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER 1975.

1975GW

"Fall 1901"

DEADLOCKS EAST AND WEST

ENGLAND (Spiegel): F Nrg-Nwy; A Edi-Lon; F Nth C A Edi-Lon.

FRANCE (Bowman): F Eng-Lon; A Par-Pic; A Spa holds.

GERMANY (Sergeant): F Den & A Mun hold; A Kie-Hol.

ITALY (Douglas Dalman): A Tyr-Ven; A Ven-Apu; F Ion-Tun.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Trtek): A Vie-Gal; F Tri holds; A Ser S F Tri.

RUSSIA (Ilves): F Bot-Swe; A War-Gal; F Rum-Sev; A Ukr S F Rum-Sev.

TURKEY (Girsansky): A Arm-Sev; F Bla S A Arm-Sev; A Bul S ITALIAN F Ion-Gre.

Underlined moves are not possible. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy. (4)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Ser, Tri, Vie. (4)

FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par, Spa. (4)

RUSSIA: Mos, Rum, St.P, Sev, Swe, War. (6)

GERMANY: Ber, Den, Hol, Kie, Mun. (5)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Smy. (4)

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tun, Ven. (4)

Germany and Russia may each build two new units, and each other country may build one. Unfortunately, one player did not send in conditional "Winter 1904" builds, so a deadline will be set for NOON, SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER 1975. Players may change already submitted builds if they wish.

Steven Bowman's telephone number is 812-339-6188.

LONDON: Charles III, King of England & Scotland, Prince of Wales, and Lord of Ireland, today announced that his victorious navy had bestowed yet another title upon him: that of King of Norway. Reading to an assembled crowd, the young monarch ended his stirring speech (which explained his act as sweet revenge for the invasion of England by Harold Hardrada in 1066) with the phrase "Rex summa bellum gratia." When pressed by reporters as to why he has just now righted this ancient wrong and as to whether he bore the Norse any ill will, he replied, "Certainly not. I don't carry a grudge any longer than necessary."

With that the young king departed to his fleet in the North Sea where he delivered a speech dealing with the French provocation in the English Channel. "Those bloody French Bastards really tore it this time," he exclaimed to the multitude of seamen who had assembled to hear him. "By the time I'm done with them they'll think that Greyc and Agincourt were bloody Sunday school excursions, they will." When asked by reporters if the new third fleet (flagship HMS Unmentionable) would figure in his scheme, Charles answered "Normandy, Anjou, Poitier, Maine and the Aquitaine are rightfully mine through my Plantagenet blood." When asked what he thought the opinion of the twenty-eight million French currently living in those regions would be to be under English rule, he expressed hope that they would welcome back their legal sovereign.

1975AP

"Spring 1904"

RUSSIA COMES TO ENGLAND'S AID

ENGLAND (David Dalman): F Nth-Den; F Eng-Wal; F Bre-Eng.

GERMANY (Michal): A Par-bre; F Hel-Nth; F Kie-Bal; A Den holds; A Ber S A Mun; A Mun S A Ber; F Lon & A Bel hold.

ITALY (Eisen): F Wes-Mid; F Por S F Wes-Mid; A Mar-Gas; F Rom-Tyr; F Apu-Adr; A Ven & F Ior hold.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Murray): A Tri-Tyr; A Bud-Tri; A Ser S A Bud-Tri; A Gre holds; A Bul-Con; F Aeg S A Bul-Con.

RUSSIA (Cathcart): F Bal-Kie; F Swe S ENGLISH F Nth-Den; A War-Pru; A Sil S A War-Pru; A Nwy-St.P; F Rum holds; A Sev-Arm.

TURKEY (Hennrikus): No moves received. F Smy & F Bla hold; A Con dislodged and annihilated.

Underlined moves are not possible. The German A Den is annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1904" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER 1975. Lawrence Chafetz is invited to send in stand-by moves for Turkey; his address is 588 West End Ave., New York, N. Y. 10024, and his telephone number is 212-595-6814.

Scene's I'd like to see: One of the Washington politicians who's been scoring points off New York City's financial crisis goes to see a physician with that common ailment of politicians, gonorrhea. "I can help you," the physician tells him, "but I'm not going to. You had no business getting gonorrhea in the first place!"

FRENCH MOVE IN ON ITALY

Following "Fall 1906" moves Turkey retreated Nap-Tyr, and removed the dislodged Tri rather than retreat it. The following builds and removals were then made:

ENGLAND (Doyle): Builds A Lon.
FRANCE (Amer): Builds F Bre, A Par.
ITALY (Lipton): Removes A Pie.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Zimmermann): Builds A Vie,
TURKEY (Drakert): Builds A Ank.

ENGLAND:: F St.P(n.c.) & F Hel hold; E Swe-Bot; A Kie-Liv; F Bal C A Kie-Liv; A Pru-War; A Lon-Nwy; F Nth C A Lon-Nwy; A Ber-Sil.

FRANCE: F. Bre-Mid; F. Tys-Tyr; F. Ape-Ion; F. Nap. S. F. Apu-Ion; A. Ven-Tyr; A. Mar-Pie; A. Par-Pur; A. Hol & A. Mar. S. A. Bah; A. Ruh & A. Bel. S. A. Hol.

ITALY: F. Tyr-Ton

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A-Hos-Liv; A-Vie-Gal; A-Bud-Rum; A-Sev-S-A-Bud-Rum; A-Ser-Bul; A-Tri-Alb.

TURKEY: F Gre-Alb: A Con-Bul: F Rum-Blas: F Suv-Aem: A Ank-Arm: A Bul-Rum:

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1967" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER 1975.

1975H

"Winter 1970"

Several retreats were required after the "Fall 1904" moves. None ever came in from England, whose dislodged P Nthys, accordingly removed. Germany elected to remove, the dislodged A Mun. Austria-Hungary retreated A Vie-Galy, and Russia retreated A Rum-Ukr. The following builds and removals then were made:

GERMANY (Chafee): Builds **Austria-Hungary (Squires):** Removes

ITALY (Lariton): Builds A Ven, A Rom, A Nap. A Gal.
The deadline for "Spring 1976" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER 1975. Stand-by moves for England should be sent in by Eric Verheiden, Cal. Tech. 1-86, Pasadena, Calif. 91126.

1974 TA = PRESS RELEASES

CONSTANTINOPLE (People's Press): As the head of the newly-formed Trans-Euxian Socialist Republic (TESR), I feel it my duty to respond to the shameful attack on our combined ethnic populations by the temporary occupants of Whitehall. Firstly, no diplomatic notes dealing with the Baltic have ever been issued. Secondly, those that have been could scarcely concern the English government - as it is going to have its hands full just holding onto the Thames estuary.

Off the Saxon Protestant Imperialists!

Suleiman O'Hara, Capt. International Irish Republican Army (IIRA) LONDON (PU): "Clearly, something's got to be done about this growing menace in the south," concluded Weary Calumny the Hateful as he made off for his private chambers, where it is rumored that he had an appointment with several nubian boys.

ROMA TEMPORARIA (URRP): Observing that the worsening Anglo-Turkish relations might affect the status of Cyprus, Emperor L. Avaricius Grabo offered to place a temporary Roman protectorate over the island. "This holy island has a special significance for us," he told a press conference in the Circus Minimus, "aside from the fact that it is Roman Imperial territory now temporarily under barbarian occupation. It is the birthplace of the Goddess Venus, who holds a particularly sacred place in our state religion, Syncretic Polytheism. Until the present Anglo-Turkish dispute is settled, the Temporary Roman Empire is willing to assume the administration of Cyprus." In an aside to a quaetor, the Emperor added, "And that will be when Tar-tarus freezes over!"

KOREAN WAR II

Agenda 1, 1975

In GRAUSTARK #329 I drew the only possible conclusion from the temporary cessation of the American war effort in Indo-China - namely, that the United States of America is closing down that side-show so that it will not detract manpower and attention from an action against foes of the American Empire in another part of the world. A military operation should not, ideally, be complicated by another going on at the same time. The public mind must be totally concentrated on one objective against the enemy - as against the Axis in World War II, or against the Vietnamese during the past decade.

Naturally, the question rises as to who this enemy will be. Most people might have thought it to be the Arabs, since the American press has been following the government's lead loyally in producing public opinion towards this end. The precipitous rise in oil prices has brought the need for such a war home to every American. Other prospects might have seemed to be the Portuguese, the Turkish Cypriotes (or maybe the Greek ones), or even those domestic dissenters who have dared to set their private opinions against the imperial interests of their country.

However, one target is becoming increasingly obvious as the site of America's next major military operation. It is the same target as in 1950 - Korea. The signal was given in a signed editorial in the New York Times of 17 September 1975. The editorial is by Robert A. Mosbacher Jr., a former aide to a senior Republican Senator in the fields of military and foreign policy.

Mr. Mosbacher begins by observing that Secretary of Defense Schlesinger has frequently indicated that the United States would use nuclear weapons if its interests were threatened in Europe or Korea. Korea is more likely because "The community of interests and vast cultural heritage we share with the Europeans simply do not exist with respect to Korea". It is his contention that the situation in Korea will soon require an active US military involvement, complete with nuclear weapons, and that the government ought to prepare the American people to accept this fact. ("It behooves the Ford Administration to explain what is actually at stake in Korea now and why the use of tactical nuclear weapons may be necessary.")

There have been several other indications that Korea would be the next point at which America's imperial interests require the forcible reduction of persons so foolish as to oppose them. Kim Dae Jung, a South Korean politician who has undertaken to oppose President Park, expects that North Korea will "try to organize guerrillas to infiltrate among a people dissatisfied with suppression, poverty and corruption in the South". (New York Times, 25 September 1975) It is hard to tell whether Mr. Kim sees this as a disaster to be feared or a project to be hoped for. On the next day, Eugene V. Rostow predicted in the Wall Street Journal that the allegedly "yielding" foreign policy of Henry Kissinger has failed, and that harsher measures are necessary. It should be recalled that Mr. Rostow was a major architect of US policy in Vietnam.

Adroit diplomacy has freed America's hands to act in Korea at this point. China and Egypt have passed, in recent years, from bitter foes to subservient allies. China sees us as the only guarantee against a Russian conquest, while Egypt has under American pressure abandoned the other Arab nations and made a tentative peace with Israel. (President Sadat, a more balanced and rational man than his flamboyant predecessor, has obviously had his attention called to the possible effect of an atomic bomb upon the Aswan Dam. If it were done in floodtime, there would simply cease to be an Egypt.) A Turkish alliance with Russia is historically unthinkable, so Turkey will in good time come around to the only nation capable of selling her arms. Pakistan and Greece, vastly outweighed by the nations they have recently fought, will keep quiet on general principles. Portugal knows that a counter-revolution can be bought and paid for, what slips through the cracks at the Pentagon; they will fulminate, but do nothing. Indo-China is too exhausted to do anything until the day when, with Korea totally ours, we can return our attention to that ineluent peninsula.

Those foreign rulers who are not persuaded to silence by their national interests
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THE DIPLOMACY ASSOCIATION presente

A RATING SURVEY 5

Averaged Score	The Top Twenty	Games Won	Points	Games Rated
813	Walter Buchanan	6	6.500	8
781	Mike Recamora	6	7.033	9
683	John Beshara	8	8.200	12
633	Ron Kelly	4	5.700	9
627	Tom Eller	7	7.533	12
561	Doug Beyerlein	11	12.200	23
556	Monte Zelazny	5	5.000	9
542	Randy Bytwerk	6	6.500	12
509	Andrew Phillips	10	12.716	25
494	Lewie Puleipher	6	7.900	16
478	Tim Tilson	4	4.783	10
433	Peter Rosamilia	3	3.900	9
429	Rick Brooks	3	3.000	7
387	Bruce Kindig	2	2.667	7
353	Jeff Power	4	4.583	13
323	Elliot Lipsen	2	2.583	8
321	John Smythe	8	8.333	26
315	Don Horton	2	2.833	9
293	Eugene Presnitz	6	6.450	22
290	Jeff Key	3	3.200	11

The number listed under "Pointe" is the Calhamer point count where only wins and draws are tabulated: Winners receive 1 point; in a drew, the point is divided among the surviving players. The "Averaged Score" is computed by dividing the number of "Points" by the average of "Games Rated", omitting decimals. Winning 1 of 7 games is average with an "Averaged Score" of 143. To insure a meaningful statistical example, a minimum of seven "Games Rated" is required. There are 522 "Games Rated" in this Survey: they are:

63 B
64 A-B, D
65 A-I, K-M, P-Z
66 A-F, H-I, K-O, R, T, Z-AC, AE, AG-AI, AK-AM, AO, AQ, AS-AV, AZ, BB-BD, BG, BI-BO
67 A-B, E, H-J, N-P, T-W, Y-AC, AE-AH, AJ-AL, AO-AU, AW, AZ-BE
68 A-P, R-T, V-AL, AN-AO, AV, AX-BD, BK, BS-BU, BY-CD, CF-CI, CK-CM, CP-CQ, CW
69 A-H, K-M, O-P, R-Z, AB-AD, AF, AY-BA, BC-BI, BK-BM, BO, BS, BU-CB, CD-CE, CG-CL,
CP, CR
70 A-F, H-K, M-N, W-X, AA, AC-AG, AI-AK, AO-AQ, AT-AU, AW-BB, BK-BN, BP-BQ, BS-BT
71 A-D, F-G, K-L, O-S, W, AA-AD, AL, AO-AQ, AT, AX, AZ-BA, BC, BE-BL, BP, BS-BV, BX,
BZ-CE, CJ-CO, CR, DB, DE, DH-DI, DL-DV, DX-DZ, EB-EC, EE-EH, EL-EN
72 A-P, T-U, X, Z, AD-AF, AI-AL, AN-AP, AR-AS, AV-BB, BD, BF, BH, BL-BM, BP, BR,
BT-BV, BX, CA-CB, CD-CG, CJ-CL, CN-CT, CV-CW, CY, DB, DD-DK, DO, DQ-EE, EI, EK-
EM, EO, EQ, ET-EU, FI, FL, FO, FQ, FS, FX-GB, GD, GJ-GK
73 C-D, F-G, J, M, O, R-S, Z, AC-AE, AK-AL, AN-AO, AS, BA, BD-BE, BI, BO, BQ, BV-
BW, CA-CC, CF, CT, DH, DM, DX, EH, EJ, ES, FB, FL, FY, GK, HJ, HV, IS
74 K, M, R, CK

DAS PFERD, PARSIFAL VON UND ZU BAD BIERSCHAUM

a report from the Balkan Massif by Will McCullam
(originally a press release from 1974HQ)

Few can be aware of the sacrifices undergone by the homefront on account of the war. Recently we visited the sleepy town of Bad-Bierschaum for the traditional Bierfest. The town is renowned for the Panther-Pils Brauerei, located in the picturesque castle which dominates the town from a hill perched above the River Nichtzurhein.

Formerly Panther-Pils was gedrunken throughout the area, but with the decline in the incidence of Bubonic Plague, for which the bier was considered a preventative, it is to be had solely in the pleasant garden within the walls. Still the Braumsister, Bubo (named in honor of the plague), keeps the traditional carthorse, named Parsifal, and an official taster cum teamster, Herr Otto Stammbaum. Traditionally the taster consumes twelve liters of bier a day, and in time comes to resemble his pferd, or steed. (We have it straight from the horse's mouth that when Bubo submitted samples of Panther-Pils to the Institute fur Hops, Scotch, and Gedrunken in Berlin, that after a considerable lapse of time, the learned faculty replied that the Braumsister's horse, Pferd, had diabetes.) However, no doubt because of the naked Lorelsis displayed on Panther-Pils' label, it enjoys some sale in Amerika, where it is said to be drunk in preference to the local brews, although this is hard to credit.

In any case, with the coming of war, Otto Stammbaum, because of his iron constitution and presumed buoyancy was shanghaied into the German Navy while visiting Munich during the Oktoberfest in 1901. He served with distinction as Engineer zur See, until a great white shark ate his legs one day in the Baltic while Otto bathed. Returning to his native Bad-Bierschaum, Otto confined to a wheelchair, was forced to give up his position as a taster. It is all very well to joke about someone's having a wooden leg, but Otto's confinement seriously impaired his ability to drink twelve liters of bier a day. However, Bubo's Wogastisburg-Schlämpenbüttel ingenuity came to the rescue. He fitted Otto's chair with an old keg connected by a tube to Otto. Also, the chair was fitted with a tiller and a small mast and sail to overcome the considerable inertia of Otto's sheer bulk.

One day, however, a lad employed to empty the keg at periodic intervals, dropped it while about to discharge his functions. Well, the keg began to roll at once down an incline toward the castle gate leading down into the town. With a cry of shock, Otto hastened to follow the barrel to which he was still fastened. Already sweating profusely, he bounced around trying to get his sails set, and cast off the lines, as it were. The hill begins to get steeper after leaving the castle and so the barrel began to roll quite rapidly, but such was Otto's terror, he bade fair to catch up with it. Some later said they would not have thought it possible for Otto to have moved so swiftly. At any rate Otto was able to free himself from the fatal cord, just as the barrel took off with a bound down the hill. The barrel fetched up a few minutes later in the town fountain, from where it was retrieved by an enterprising Bierschaumer. Espying Otto, with all sail set, for all the world like a great galleon, bearing down on him at something approaching the speed of light, the man immediately, assuming he had some of Panther-Pils' finsst, seized up the keg and made off. Meanwhile Otto, who by this time had worn the palms off his hands trying to diminish the remorseless course of his vessel, was careening through the village. Later it was said that the dunking Otto had received in the town fountain accounted for it, since after his experience in the Baltic, Otto was afraid of all water. Others remarked that at last he had got some of his own back on gravity. But whatever the reason, Otto never returned to the brauerei, and gave up drinking all bier. Still others observing that Bubo had never brewed better bier than that from the keg in the fountain. Parsifal, he don't say nothin' 'cept micker low, Nick, nick, nick...

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Other news from the Grand Duchy of Wogastisburg-Schlämpenbüttel and the other nations of the Balkan Massif appears regularly in GFAUSTARK's sister publication EMPIRE - also 10 issues for \$2 from hers.

KOREAN WAR II (continued from p. 6)

wild be persuaded by a strong desire to go on living. Recent congressional hearings on the Central Intelligence Agency and other arms of US imperial policy have revealed that assassination plots have been set in motion against several foreign chiefs of state who have chosen to defy the American Empire, and carried out against a few of them. Every present and potential national leader in the world now realizes that he (or she) holds office and life on the tenure of the pleasure of the President of the United States. If this pleasure ceases to continue, so will the obstreperous leader's life. President Ford confirmed this recently when he "refused...to rule out a future US role in overthrowing the government of foreign countries". (New York Post, 22 September 1975, citing a Presidential speech made the previous day in Ansheim.)

More of this sort of thing may be going on than the CIA has yet acknowledged. President Nasser was only 52 when he died unexpectedly in 1970, and at the time several Arab radicals opined that there was something suspicious about his death. Since his death, Egypt has moved from being a Soviet satellite to a grudging acceptance of American policy in the Middle East. Exitus acta probat.

On the same day that it printed Mosbacher's editorial, the New York Times printed an account of how the CIA was using highly virulent poisons for possible assassinations or terrorism. If President Kim Il Sung of North Korea reads the Times - and he must, because from time to time he buys closely printed two-page ads in it to promote his 'philosophy' - at intervals he may decide to spare us all that trouble, accept a decent honorarium of laundered dollars from the CIA, and retire to the Red Valhalla at Varna, Bulgaria. It may not be as much fun as running a whole nation, but it beats a needle-ful of shellfish toxin in the back of the neck.

The same considerations apply, of course, to Americans who are misguided as to defy America's power and destiny. There was a great deal of this during the 1960's, until a few judicious killings caused pacifists to re-think the consequences of their actions. One at Berkeley, four at Kent State, two at Jackson State, and suddenly every discontented student in the country began developing a compelling interest in ecology, oriental mysticism, feminism, Jesus Freakery, or rediscovery of his or her own ethnic roots.

Consequently, another American war against Korea will be met with a salutary apathy among youth. Eighteen days after the Mosbacher editorial, the Times printed a review by Sara Sanborn of Herbert Hedin's book The Age of Sensation. This is the latest of an unending series of books that examines the current state of youth, and seems to find them either too apathetic or too frenetically active. Sanborn quotes: "'What distinguishes this generation is its active pursuit of disengagement, detachment, fragmentation, and emotional numbness.' Virtually all - yes, all - of Hedin's students are fleeing desperately from their feelings: 'Emotion - direct, personal, raw - has become the new taboo.' Another taboo is on 'commitment' or 'involvement' which the tribe avoids as a deadly trap." Which, of course, it is. Why bother joining a protest movement to do anything, when its leader is probably reporting directly to the FBI's Operation Cointelpro, to the CIA, or to the National Security Agency, which is so secret and powerful that not even Congress is willing to take it on.

It is interesting to compare the American and Soviet attitudes towards dissidents within their societies. Russian dissidents are put into insane asylums, or into jails as 'paraeites' (which translates into American as 'welfare chiselers'), they are harassed with all the resources of the world's most dedicated bureaucracy, or they are exiled. Since Stalin's death, they have not run the risk of being killed. American dissidents do run this risk. This is why America will eventually win out over Russia. We are willing to take steps which they are not willing to take. The American government will use methods from which the Soviet government shrinks. The result is as inevitable as the result of a chess game in which one player refuses to use his rooks.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

That postal rate decrease that went into effect five weeks ago was too good to be true. We are now informed that on Sunday 28 December 1975 all rates will go up, including the ones that fall in September. A one-ounce letter will be 13¢ by surface mail and 17¢ by air. ("The Postal Service said there won't be any advantage in sending domestic letters via airmail after Oct. 11, since all first class mail will be going by air by that date.") Do you recall hearing something like this before?)

Additional ounces will be 11¢. Postcards, just fallen from 8¢ to 7¢, will go to 9¢. There will, of course, be a new 13¢ stamp; the existing one bears the picture of President Kennedy, and a Republican administration is not going to stand for that!

There will be no increase in GRAUSTARK subscription or game rates.

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In the interests of New York City solidarity, which is badly needed in these critical times, GRAUSTARK hereby institutes trade relations with the postal Diplomacy 'zines published by Greg Costikyan, Ben Grossman, Jerry Paulson, and Scott Rosenberg. They will get bundles from #334 on with this mailing. Out-of-towners Mike Muchnik and Steve Nezik also go on the trade list.

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Other postal wargames are published in EMPIRE. As a special offer, from now until 31 December all games in EMPIRE with game fees of \$3 will be FREE to players who maintain their subscriptions through the game. These games are the 'Rome' scenario from Chariot, and all Frigate scenarios involving 5 ships or less, including those published in Waves #17 and #18. Send for EMPIRE #23 for the postal rules of these games. EMPIRE is published here at the same rate as GRAUSTARK. Issues 2-23 are available.

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